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REF: JIDDA 2381, PARAGRAPH 2

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF O'MEARA'S LETTER TO TAHER OBAID

DATED MAY 6, 1975:

1. THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 16, IN WHICH YOU ENCLOSED TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE MANFAUHA TREATMENT PLANT AND REQUESTED OUR REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION REPORT CONTAINED THEREIN.

2. THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF THE OFFERS RECEIVED ARRIVED TODAY. BASED ON OUR CURRENT STAFF COMMITMENTS, IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE CAN MAKE A REVIEW OF ALL OFFERS. HOWEVER, OUR REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION REPORT INDICATES THAT THE EXCEPTIONS TAKEN BY THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER, DEGREMONT, TO THE TENDER DOCUMENTS ON ALTERNATIVE 1, UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE. THIS ASSUMES THAT THE

EQUIPMENT PROPOSED BY DEGREMONT MEETS CONVENTIONAL DESIGN
PRACTICE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT.

3. THE LATEST DESIGN FOR THE 100 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY
MEMBRANE DESALTING PLANT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING
TO BUILD AT YUMA, ARIZONA, ENVISIONS THE USE OF A SYSTEM
SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY DEGREMONT. FIELD TEST
RESULTS AT YUMA, IN WHICH WE UTILIZE A PRECIPITATOR
FOLLOWED BY SINGLE STAGE FILTRATION HAVE RESULTED IN
WATER OF EXCELLENT QUALITY WHICH PROVIDES A HIGHLY
SUITABLE FEED WATER FOR INTRODUCTION INTO THE MEMBRANE
DESALTING UNITS.

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE TENDER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED
UNDER SEPARATE COVER WILL BE DEVELOPED, BUT I DO NOT
EXPECT THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH FURTHER REVIEW AND PROVIDE
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO YOUR MAY 15 DEADLINE.

5. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MY
EARLIER TELEGRAM AND THIS LETTER WILL GIVE YOU SUFFICIENT
DATA TO CONFIDENTLY PROCEED WITH A CONTRACT AWARD.
SIGNED O'MEARA.

6. BID DOCUMENTS WERE RETURNED TO OBAID VIA DIPLOMATIC
AIR POUCH ON JUNE 4.
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